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Today, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) released the next eligibility group for COVID-19 vaccine which includes those with underlying medical conditions. Full eligibility list can be found here: <a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-about.htm">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-about.htm</a>

Unfortunately, being eligible does not necessarily mean there will be vaccine available for this new group. We need to continue to prioritize those in the previously eligible groups, due to limited vaccine supply. State guidance is to distribute vaccine in the order of the groups below, and this is how we will continue. It is unlikely that we will be able to move on to those newly eligible on March 29, due to many in the previous groups still on our waitlist and contacting us.

Since the new eligibility group does not begin until March 29, 2021, we are currently not adding anyone in this group to our waitlist.

If you have not yet registered for the vaccine and meet one of the following criteria you may register at <a href="https://dcphwaitlist.timetap.com/">https://dcphwaitlist.timetap.com/</a> or calling 746-7180.

- Frontline health care personnel
- Residents of long-term care
- Police and fire personnel, correctional staff
- Adults age 65 and older
- Education and childcare staff
- Individuals enrolled in Medicaid long-term care programs
- Some public-facing essential workers such as 911 operators, public transit, and grocery store employees
- Non-frontline essential health care personnel
- Facility staff and residents of congregate living settings

When registering please select the eligibility group that best describes your situation. Once you are registered, you will remain on our list until we contact you to schedule an appointment. We will continue scheduling appointments weekly after receiving confirmation of our allocations for those weeks. Proof of eligibility will be required at time of vaccine.

If you do not yet meet one of the eligibility requirements above, we cannot add you to our waitlist at this time. We ask that you *wait until March 29, 2021* when the new eligibility group is in effect. We hope that vaccine supply will become more abundant by that time and we will be able to vaccinate all those who want it in a timely way.

As we indicated previously, we may at times have to shut down our system so that it does not become overwhelmed. When we have capacity, we will then open it back up. As we add new groups, it will be more complex to prioritize individuals and make sure those given top priority are always first in our process. Please know we are doing our best to adhere to the policy provided by the state.

We will continue to provide updates through the local media, the Door County website <a href="Door County">Door County</a>, and Door County Public Health Facebook Page at <a href="Door County Public Health">Door County Public Health</a> Facebook .

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